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The proposed settlement fails to require Microsoft to release the specifications for the format of Office documents, which are rapidly becoming a lingua franca and are one of MS' most powerful tools for breaking open standards. Stated more specifically, no part of the PFJ obligates Microsoft to release any information about file formats, even though undocumented Microsoft file formats form part of the Applications Barrier to Entry (see "Findings of Fact" ?20 and ?39).

I think the proposed settlement is far too lenient, full of loopholes like this one, and leaves Microsoft with the power and money to make even more egregious anticompetitive moves, and get away with it. It's a bad idea.

Thanks for your time,

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